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Interview Summary

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c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____.

Claim(s) discussed: 24.

Identification of prior art discussed: Kume et al. (US 4,835,964).

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☒ was not reached. h) ☐ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant argues that the Kume reference fails to disclose adjusting EGR valve, a controlled throttle valve coupled to an engine, and a hydrocarbon injector coupled in an exhaust system to reduce oxygen entering a filter to a desired oxygen amount by using feedback from an oxygen sensor located in the exhaust system. The argument is persuasive and the claimed limitations overcome the prior art of record.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

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